

Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

1. Michigan resident?

If no, you are not eligible to apply

2. Your birth date?

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3. Customer ID number?

Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card or DNR Sportcard

4. Item type?

170 - Elk Resident Application

5. The DNR issues two types of elk hunting licenses:

Any Elk - valid for taking either a bull elk or an antlerless elk.

Antlerless-Only - valid for taking an antlerless elk only.

Based on your hunting preferences, select ONE of the following on your application:

\_\_\_ Antlerless **OR** Bull

Eligible for any **Any-Elk** license; if not selected, will be included in drawing for Antlerless-Only license.

\_\_\_ Bull Only

Eligible for an **Any-Elk** license only; if not selected, **will not be** included in drawing for Antlerless-Only license

\_\_\_ Chance Only

Do not wish to hunt this year but would like to purchase a chance toward future drawings

Important:

An application for an elk license is an application for all seasons and all locations. You cannot select the season or elk management unit you may wish to apply for.

You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.

### Ineligibility Periods for Elk License Recipients

Persons who are issued an elk license are subject to an ineligibility period for future elk drawings.

- A person issued an Antlerless-only Elk license is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase an elk license for 10 years. For example, those issued an Antlerless-only license in 2008 are ineligible from 2009 through 2018.
- A person issued an Any Elk license, which allows the taking of a bull elk, is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase a future elk license for the remainder of his or her life.
- Ineligibility rules were changed in 2004. A person issued an Any Elk license prior to 2004 is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase an elk license for 10 years.

Drawing results will be posted June 22  
at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)  
For application assistance, call 517-373-1263

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the State's natural resources for current and future generations.

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Baraga 427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 (906) 353-6651	Southfield 26000 W. Eight Mile Road Southfield, MI 48034 (248) 359-9040	Plainwell 621 N. 10th St. Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 685-6851
Bay City 3580 State Park Drive Bay City, MI 48706 (989) 684-9141	Marquette 1990 US-41 South Marquette, MI 49855 (906) 228-6561	Roscommon 1-75 & M-18 South 8717 N. Roscommon Road Roscommon, MI 48653 (989) 275-5151
Cadillac 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 (231) 775-9727	Newberry 5100 M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 (906) 293-5131	Rose Lake* 8562 E. Stoll Road East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 641-4903
Gaylord 1732 W. M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735 (989) 732-3541		*This is a field office

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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### Application Information

#### Locations

- You may apply
  - At any authorized license agent
  - At DNR Operations Service Centers
  - Online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

#### Requirements

- You must meet all requirements to lawfully hunt in the current-year elk seasons to be eligible to apply for an elk license or chance-only.
- Only eligible Michigan residents may apply for an elk hunting license. This includes qualified military personnel and full-time students attending a Michigan college or university who reside in the state during the school year (per MCL 324.43506).
- It costs \$4 to apply.
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
  - Valid Michigan driver license
  - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
  - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or DNR Web site)
- Keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- You must be at least 12 years old by September 1 to apply. **Note: You must be at least 14 years old to hunt with a firearm on public land.**

#### Applicant Responsibilities

- When you apply, you are responsible for:
  - Submitting a single application. Applicants who apply more than once or falsify information will be ineligible for the drawing.
  - Checking that your information was correctly entered by the agent. An incorrect customer ID or birth date will cause you to become ineligible for a license.
  - Ensuring that you receive a DNR receipt. that clearly states your customer ID. **(Do Not Accept a DNR Receipt That Is Not Legible.)**
  - Retaining your DNR receipt as proof that you applied.

**IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.**

#### Successful Applicants

- If you are selected in the drawing, you will receive a notification announcement by June 22, if there is a valid mailing address. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.
- Successful applicants will be notified of the type of license they will be issued, their assigned hunt period, and elk management unit before they must purchase a license.
- The type of license, hunt period or elk management unit assigned cannot be changed.
- You must purchase your elk hunting license authorization (license no. 171) prior to the mandatory elk hunt orientation class. The cost of this license is \$100 and may be purchased from any license agent or online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).
- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate.
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

## 2009 MICHIGAN ELK HUNTING GUIDE

Application Period May 1–June 1, 2009  
Apply online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

Great Lakes, Great Times, Great Outdoors

#### Important Reminders

- An application for an elk license is an application for all seasons.
- The drawing is a random weighted lottery.
- You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.

**Call: 800-292-7800**

Hunters are selected for a Michigan elk hunting license using a random weighted lottery system that began in 2003. In this system, hunters receive one additional “chance” in future drawings each year they apply for an elk license and are unsuccessful in the drawing.

A weighted lottery provides some advantage to those individuals that are persistent in applying, while still providing an opportunity to all applicants, even those who are applying for the first time. It is possible for first-time applicants to be successful in any drawing. **In addition, there is no guarantee of being drawn in a weighted lottery regardless of the number of chances accumulated.**

Persons who fail to apply, or are ineligible to apply, for an elk license for three consecutive years will lose their accumulated chances.

**Note: If you are using a new ID to apply this year, call 517-373-1263 to move your previous chances to your new ID. Any previous chances not moved to your new ID by June 1 will not be considered in the drawing.**

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Successful applicants must attend a half-day training session near the elk hunt area on the day before their scheduled hunt. The location of the sessions will be provided to successful applicants. The training session will cover hunter safety, elk behavior, marksmanship, carcass handling, hunting rules and regulations, hunting tips and recommended hunt locations. Following the session, hunters will be issued their licenses, along with materials and information to help their efforts afield. Expect elk hunting to be challenging. Preseason scouting is important.

For 2009 there will be 110 elk licenses; 35 any-elk licenses and 75 antlerless-only elk licenses issued for Hunt Period 1 and 110 elk licenses; 35 any-elk licenses and 75 antlerless-only elk licenses issued for Hunt Period 2. For Hunt Period 3, 56 any elk and 104 antlerless-only elk licenses will be available. A total 380 licenses will be issued.

**Note: Hunters who participate in Hunt Period 1 or Hunt Period 2 may have lower hunting success than hunters who participate in Hunt Period 3.**

Hunt Period 1: September 1-4 AND September 11-15 on both public and private lands in elk management unit "L."

Hunt Period 2: October 13-21 on both public and private lands in elk management unit "L."

Hunt Period 3: December 8-15 on both public and private lands in Alpena, Antrim, Cheboygan, Charelvoix, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. See the map below right for specific management units.

Hunt Period 4: This hunt would be held January 13-17, 2010, only in elk management units where additional harvest is necessary to achieve population management goals.

Individuals who are successful in the elk license drawing may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant, or to a person with an advanced illness.\*

- Successful applicants who wish to transfer their drawing success must submit a transfer request form at least two weeks prior to the hunt. Forms are available at [www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings).
- Youth hunters age 12-16 are eligible to receive a transfer if they were unsuccessful applicants in the current year's drawing.
- Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at [www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings).
- Successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to a specific individual, or may donate their hunt to individuals on the DNR transfer waiting list. A donated hunt will be processed only if an eligible recipient is available to accept the particular hunt that has been donated. **Those interested in receiving a donated hunt must register online at [www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings) by July 1.**
- Elk chances will be reset to zero for the transfer recipient and for the successful applicant donating the hunt. Upon purchase of the hunting license, the recipient will be ineligible for a future elk license per the timeframes noted in this guide. The donor's eligibility for future elk drawings will be retained.
- It is unlawful to transfer drawing success for a fee, or transfer drawing success and then guide that person for a fee.

*\*Advanced Illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced Illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL 333.5653]. See [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)*

Like white-tailed deer, elk are susceptible to bovine tuberculosis (TB). Because the elk range lies within an area shared by TB-infected deer, the risk of transmission to elk is very real. Research and experience with elk and red deer in other countries suggests that should TB become established in Michigan's elk herd, it could spread more rapidly than it has in deer. Since May 1996, 1,799 elk have been tested for TB; in both 2000 and 2001, one elk tested positive for TB. Two tested positive in 2003 and one tested positive in 2006. No elk tested positive in 2007 or 2008. Four of the five positive elk were from Montmorency County and one from Presque Isle County. Because elk and deer normally avoid each other in the wild, evidence suggests these elk probably were infected from feeding at man-made feed sites or bait piles intended for deer. Testing of elk for TB is mandatory, and all successful hunters must turn in the head of their elk for testing. For more information about TB in elk and for checking the bovine TB and CWD laboratory results of your harvested elk go to [www.michigan.gov/bovinetb](http://www.michigan.gov/bovinetb)

The Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters to support the effort to provide processed wild game meat to local families in need. You can help in one of two simple ways. First, tell your license agent that you would like to make a cash donation when you purchase your hunting license. Second, consider donating a portion of your processed game (donations can be accepted only if the processing is done by a licensed processor). Please help in this important effort. For more information, call (517) 853-3663 or go online to [www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org](http://www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org).

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Remainder of Michigan is closed to elk hunting.

For detailed descriptions of hunt unit boundaries, contact a DNR Operations Service Center, or go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)



**Legend**

- Open
- Closed (including areas not shown)
- Management Unit Boundary
- County Line
- Major Roads
- Major Lakes

0 5 10 15 Miles  
0 5 10 15 Kilometers

Map of Michigan's Lower Peninsula showing the distribution of the Eastern Bluebird (E. B.). The map includes county names, major roads, and lakes. The Eastern Bluebird is marked with 'X' in Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Montmorency, and Crawford counties. The distribution is also marked with 'D', 'E', 'B', 'A', and 'C' in various counties. A legend in the top right corner defines symbols for Open areas, Closed areas (including areas not shown), Management Unit Boundary, County Line, Major Roads, and Major Lakes. A scale bar in miles and kilometers is also present.

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